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Critically Polluted Areas
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has observed that waste is being dumped unscientifically into landfills which is causing serious environmental damage;
(b) if so, whether majority of the civic authorities did not have a systematic, time bound action plan for management of municipal work;
(c) whether the Ministry has decided to depute Joint Secretary level officers to undertake assessment and periodic review of all 43 Critically Polluted Areas (CPAs) to see whether the central action plan is being properly implemented to minimise the impact of pollution;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) the names of the cities which have been included in the CPAs;
(f) whether some CPAs come under a moratorium on consideration of any developmental project for environmental clearance; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) As per the estimates of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2014-15,1,42,566 MT/day municipal solid waste is generated in the country out of which 83,970 MT/day is disposed in landfill/ dump sites without any treatment which may cause environmental damage. It is further reported by CPCB that some civic authorities have not put in place prescribed solid waste management system as laid down in Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.

(c)& (d)Yes, Sir. The Ministry has assigned the task of assessment, periodical review and monitoring of the progress of implementation of action plans of the identified 43 Criticallypolluted areas (CPAs) to Joint Secretary/ Joint Secretary level officers of the Ministry for environmental remediation in these CPAs.

(e) The list of 43 CPAs is placed at Annexure-I.

(f) & (g) The Ministry, after having identified 43 CPAsin 2010, imposed temporary moratorium on environmental clearance for development projects in these CPAs. However, presently, the moratorium on environmental clearance for projects is in-force in7 CPAs, namely, Ankleshwar (Gujarat), Chandrapur (Maharashtra), Pali (Rajasthan), Vatva(Gujarat), Vellore (Tamil Nadu), Najafgarh Drain Basin (UT Delhi) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan).
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